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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the final rejection dated January 11, 2006, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 26-36.

The fee of \$500 for filing a notice of appeal having already been paid with the notice of appeal mailed August 26, 2005, Applicants submit that no additional fee is due in connection with this notice of appeal. However, should any additional fees be found necessary to perfect this appeal, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to

Applicants' undersigned counsel's file 5727-63370 . A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard D. Conard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" being more prominent than the last name "Conard".

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